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IN THE CLAIMS

PLEASE AMEND THE CLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:

1. (previously presented) A method for time-shifted viewing of audio/video programs comprising:

receiving one or more audio/video programs from one or more sources, wherein the one or more audio/video programs are associated with data about the programs, the data about the programs provided over a network connection;

storing each of the one or more audio/video programs as program data in one or more cyclic buffers, whereupon being filled the one or more cyclic buffers begin replacing the oldest of the program data with the newest program data; and

simultaneously providing playback control of the program data independently from storing the one or more audio/video programs, wherein time-shifted viewing is delayed viewing of the one or more audio/video programs currently being received from the one or more sources, the viewing of which may be initiated and controlled simultaneously with the storing of the one or more audio/video programs, and wherein one or more device configuration settings may be configured via a user interface over the network connection, wherein the network connection comprises an Internet connection.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising moving the program data from the one or more cyclic buffers to one or more storage devices for archival of the program data.

3.-5. (cancelled)

6. (previously presented) A system for time-shifted viewing of audio/video programs comprising:

an input for receiving one or more audio/video programs from one or more sources, wherein the one or more audio/video programs are associated with data about the programs, the data about the programs provided over a network connection;

one or more cyclic buffers for storing the one or more programs as program data in a cyclical fashion whereupon being filled, said cyclic buffers begin replacing the oldest program data with the newest program data and are operable for simultaneously reading and writing of program data; and

a playback control interface for providing playback control of the program data independently from the storing of the program data, wherein time-shifted viewing is delayed viewing of the one or more programs currently being receiving from the one or more sources, the viewing of which may be initiated and controlled simultaneously with the storing of the one or more audio/video programs, and wherein one or more device configuration settings may be configured via a user interface over the network connection, wherein the network connection comprises an Internet connection.

7. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, further comprising a storage device comprising semi-permanent memory for storage of the one or more audio/video programs.

8.-14. (cancelled)

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the playback control comprises random access play, stop, pause, rewind, and fast-forward functions.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising capturing the playback control as viewing habit data.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising storing the viewing habit data.

18.-19. (cancelled)

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the data about the programs comprises plot summary data.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the data about the programs comprises rating data.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the data about the programs comprises cast data.

23. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the playback control interface includes control for random access play, stop, pause, rewind, and fast-forward functionality.

24. (previously presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the playback control functionality is associated with viewing habit data.

25. (previously presented) The system of claim 24, further comprising memory configured to store the viewing habit data.

26.-27. (cancelled)

28. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the data about the programs comprises plot summary data.

29. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the data about the programs comprises rating data.

30. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the data about the programs comprises cast data.

31. (previously presented) A computer-readable storage medium having embodied thereon at least one program, the at least one program being executable by a computer processor to perform a method for time-shifted viewing of audio/video programs comprising:

receiving one or more audio/video programs from one or more sources, wherein the one or more audio/video programs are associated with data about the programs, the data about the programs provided over a network connection;

storing each of the one or more audio/video programs as program data in one or more cyclic buffers, whereupon being filled the one or more cyclic buffers begin replacing the oldest of the program data with the newest program data; and

simultaneously providing playback control of the data independently from storing the one or more audio/video programs, wherein time-shifted viewing is delayed viewing of the one or more audio/video programs currently being received from the one or more sources, the viewing of which may be initiated and controlled simultaneously with the storing of the one or more audio/video programs, and wherein one or more device configuration settings may be configured via a user interface over the network connection, wherein the network connection comprises an Internet connection.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the device configuration setting comprises a record timer.

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the device configuration setting comprises a video quality setting.

34. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the device configuration setting comprises tuning to a particular channel.

35. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the device configuration setting comprises a record timer.

36. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the device configuration setting comprises a video quality setting.

37. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the device configuration setting comprises tuning to a particular channel.

38-77. (cancelled)

78. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the receipt of the one or more audio/video programs from the one or more sources occurs simultaneously.

79. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the input is configured to simultaneously receive the one or more audio/video programs.

80. (previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 31, wherein the receipt of the one or more audio/video programs from the one or more sources occurs simultaneously.